

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Proposed changes to Figs. 1-3 are submitted herewith to overcome the objections thereto.

A new Abstract is submitted herewith as required by the Office Action.

Regarding the objection to the specification, the Applicant respectfully traverses this requirement. The Applicant submits that the original specification is in good English and fully complies with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.52(a) and (b). To the extent any idioms are used within the specification, they are proper. If the requirement for a substitute specification is reasserted in a subsequent office action, the undersigned requests that specific instances of purported improper idiomatic English be cited. Since the specification fully complies with the requirements of 35 USC §112, first paragraph, withdrawal of the objection is warranted.

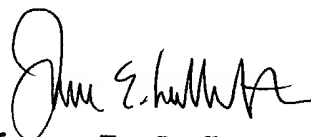
Claims 1-8 have been cancelled in favor of new claims 9-24, which better define the subject matter Applicant regards as the invention. New claims 9-24 have been drafted to avoid the issues underlying the rejections of claims 1-8 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Support for the subject matter of claims 9-24 is

provided in the original claims and Figs. 4-6 and their accompanying descriptions in the specification.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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